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(54) Title: C/8/C8' LINKED 5-OXO-1,2,3,11A-TETRAHYDRO-5H-PYRROLO'2,1-C!'1,4!BENZODIAZEPINE DIMERS WITH 1H-PYRROLE-DICARBOXYLIC ACID AMIDE LINKERS AND OLIGOMERIC ANALOGS THEROF AS WELL AS RELATED COMPOUNDS FOR THE TREATMENT OF PROLIFERATIVE DISEASES

(I)

(II)

(57) Abstract: Compounds of formula (I): PBD-A-Y-X- (Het)<sub>na</sub>-L- (Het)<sub>nb</sub>-L- (Het)<sub>nc</sub>-T- (Het')<sub>nd</sub>-L- (Het')<sub>nc</sub>-L- (Het')<sub>nf</sub>-X' -Y' -A' -PBD' and salts, solvates and chemically protected forms thereof, are disclosed wherein the PBD units have the formulae (PBD) (PBD') with the bonds at the 8 position on each molecule bond to the A and A' groups respectively; A is selected from O, S, NH or a single bond, and each Het and Het' is respectively an amino-heteroarylene-carbonyl group; X and X' are both either NH or C (=O) -Q-C (=O) - wherein Q is a divalent group such that HY = R; in a second aspect the invention comprises compounds of the  $general\ formula\ (II): PBD-A-Y-X-(Het)_{ng}-[L-(Het)_{nh}]_{nj}-X'-Y'-A'-PBD'.\ Wherein:\ PBD\ and\ PBD'\ are\ as\ defined\ above,\ X\ and\ X'-PBD'.$ are either NH and C(=O) respectively or C(O) and NH respectively; the other substituents are defined in the claims. Further aspects of the present invention relate to their use in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of a proliferative disease.